Dear Mr. May - Miss Mary Grew was at our house on Sunday, & said to Mrs. Gay, in y^e course of conversation that McKim was very indignant on receiving from Boston a statement ~~that~~ made by me that y^e Am. Soc^y had rec^d nothing y^s last year from y^e Pa. Soc^y. I can not understand why he should be indignant, a being so why he should not have made to me some explanation, such as probably he has made to

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you. If he acknowledges to you that it is a fact, how can he be indignant before his own Committee? If he denies it to you, I should am left in consideration of a misstatement.

However, the simple fact is this:- The Am. A. S. Soc. has not been aided by the Pa. Soc. in the last fiscal year, at least thro' my hands, to the amount of a single penny.

I can hardly suppose this statement could be misunderstood, or need explanation. I suppose the Com. of Course, remembers that the Pa. Soc. up to 1857 con-

tributed a certain sum to y
subscript of y Com. Soc. At that
time it declined to bind it-
self to do so longer, but agreed
to give us as much as it could,
& of course, pay over to us all
it rec'd for subscriptions to y Standard,
which up to that time it had
retained. Since [illegible] then it has
simply paid over to us any subscrip-
tions paid in at its office, precisely
as Mr. Hallock does in Boston, only
that they send a list & an account with
these subscribers. For two years it
made a Donation from y nets. of y
Fair, but last year it declined to do
this & only paid over what it rec'd
once a month, as Mr. Hallock does
once a week. Of course that many

is credited to y^e Standard Acct.
where it belongs, but is no more
a contribution from y^e Pa. Socy.,
on any possible sentence, than
y^e subscriptions paid into your
office are a donation from y^e
Mass. Socy. That there could
be y^e slightest misapprehension
on this point never occurred to
me till I heard of Gen. McClellan's
unaccountable indignation. But
I now recall that y^e Pa. Socy. did
not y^e last year contribute a
single penny to y^e Am. Socy.

I am very truly Yrs.

S. H. Gay

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